REMARKS

The Applicants submit specification amendments correcting mistakes of typographical nature. No new matter has been added. The Applicants respectfully request reconsideration of the present application, as amended.

Please charge any shortages and credit any overcharges to our Deposit Account No. 02-2666.

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Please amend the specification as follows:

On page 17, fourth paragraph, please replace the paragraph beginning at line 23 and ending on line 17 of page 18 with the following rewritten paragraph:

--Figure 4 is a diagrammatic representation of machine in the form of a computer system 400 within which software, in the form of a series of machine-readable instructions, for performing any one of the methods discussed above may be executed. The computer system 400 includes a processor 402, a main memory [403]404 and a static memory [404]406, which communicate via a bus [406]408. The computer system 400 is further shown to include a video display unit [408]410 (e.g., a liquid crystal display (LCD) or a cathode ray tube (CRT)). The computer system 400 also includes an alphanumeric input device [410]412 (e.g., a keyboard), a cursor control device [412]414 (e.g., a mouse), a disk drive unit [414]416, a signal generation device [416]420 (e.g., a speaker) and a network interface device [418]422. The disk drive unit [414]416 accommodates a machine-readable medium [415]424 on which software [420]426 embodying any one of the methods described above is stored. The software [420]426 is shown to also reside, completely or at least partially, within the main memory [403]404 and/or within the processor 402. The software [420]426 may furthermore be transmitted or received by the network interface device [418]422. For the purposes of the present specification, the term "machine-readable medium" shall be taken to include any medium that is capable of storing or encoding a sequence of instructions for execution by a machine, such as the computer system 400, and that causes the machine to perform the methods of the present invention. The term "machine-readable medium" shall be taken to include, but not limited to, solid-state memories, optical and magnetic disks, and carrier wave signals.--

On page 18, first paragraph, please replace the paragraph beginning at line 18 and ending on line 3 of page 19 with the following rewritten paragraph:

--If written in a programming language conforming to a recognized standard, the software [420]426 can be executed on a variety of hardware platforms and for interface to a variety of operating systems. In addition, the present invention is not described with

reference to any particular programming language. It will be appreciated that a variety of programming languages may be used to implement the teachings of the invention as described herein. Furthermore, it is common in the art to speak of software, in one from or another (e.g., program, procedure, process, application, module, logic…), as taking an action or causing a result. Such expressions are merely a shorthand way of saying that execution of the software by a machine, such as the computer system 400, the machine to perform an action or a produce a result.--